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Naples, Feb. 23.

THe Marquiſs *de los Velez* our Viceroy has received Orders from *Madrid* to ſuppreſs for the future the Command of General of the Forces of this Kingdom; and to employ the Three hundred thouſand Crowns which are aſſigned for Penſions and Gratifications yearly, for the Service of the Dutchy of *Milan*, according to the Directions he ſhall hereafter receive.

Venice, Feb. 14. The laſt Letters we had from *Conſtantinople* gave an account, That the French Ambaſſador gave out, that he expected the Sieur *du Queſne* with the Ships under his Command, with Orders to carry his Excellency home, ſeeing he could not obtain to be received be the Grand Vizier, with the ſame Reſpect that the French Ambaſſadors had always been by his Predeceſſors. From *Rome* they write, that the Pope was not at all ſatisfied with the proceedings of the Deputies of the Clergy of *France* in the matter of the Regale; and that he appeared reſolved to abide by the Declarations he has heretofore made therein; ſo that this Affair is not like to be determined. The Republick of *Genoua* not being willing to give the French any occaſion to quarrel with them, have, as we are informed, reſolved to leave the Pretenſions of the Counts *de Fieſque*, to the determination of the French King himſelf.

Vienna, Feb. 20. The Miniſters of this Court are in continual Conſultation concerning the affairs of *Germany*. The Duke of *Lorrain* is ſtill here, and has a great part in theſe Councils; and we are told that the chief direction of the Military Affairs, and particularly with relation to the new Leavies that are going to be made, will be left to him; and it is not doubted but if the Emperor think it neceſſary to have an Army in the Field this Summer, his Highneſs will Command it. There is a Diſcourſe again of the Elector of *Bavaria*'s Marrying with the Arch-Dutcheſs, the Emperor's Daughter. It is manifeſt that that Elector is perfectly in the Emperors Intereſts, and therefore what is ſaid of the ſaid Marriage, meets with the eaſier belief. The Conferences that are going to be held in *Hungary*, will it's hoped, put an end to the Diviſions of that Kingdom, by a happy compoſure of all things; to which we are aſſured Count *Teckeley* and the reſt of the Leading Men of his Party, appear very much diſpoſed.

Francfort, Feb. 22. The Deputies of the Princes of the Empire meet every day in the *Town-Houſe* to adjuſt the differences, about Titles and Precedencies, which have hitherto hindred the opening of the Conferences. Here is arrived an Envoye from the King of *Sweden*.

Cologne, Feb. 27. Two days ſince, our Elector received an Account of the ill uſage the Officers appointed by his Electoral Highneſs, to receive in ſeveral places in the Countrey of *Liege* to raiſe the 60th penny, have received from the French, who have forced the ſaid Officers to leave theſe places, and have impriſoned ſeveral perſons that would have oppoſed them. The Deputies of the City of *Liege* are ſtill here, and ſeem to hope that theſe proceedings of the French, will diſpoſe his Electoral Highneſs to an Accommodation with them. Our Magiſtrates continue to raiſe Men.

Paris, March 4. The Letters from *Rome* do not bring us the Account we expected, concerning the affair of the Regale; but on the contrary tell us, that the Pope is not at all pleaſed with what the Aſſembly of the Clergy here has done, reſolving not in the leaſt to depart from his former Declarations in this Matter. In the mean time the ſaid Aſſembly is entring upon very great Points, which may have notable conſequences. The Parliament of *Thoulouſe* having made a Decree, forbidding the Proteſtants to Preach in any of their Churches that are not diſtant above 2000 Paces from any Popiſh Church; they humbly Addreſſed their Complaints to the Council, who far from giving the Petitioners any Relief, have Commanded that all the ſaid Proteſtant Churches ſhall be demoliſhed. Monſieur *de Lauzun* has been at Court and kiſſed the Kings Hand, who has given him 800000 Livres, to recompence him for his Place of Captain of the Guard *du Corps*; and Madamoiſelle *de Montpenſier* has given him the Dutchy of *St Fargeau*. On Monday the King took a Review of the Troops of his Houſhold; part of which received their Orders to march towards *Luxemburg*.

Paris, March 7. The Deputies of the Clergy being Aſſembled the 25th paſt, the form of Proviſions for Deanries, Archdeanries, *&c.* drawn up purſuant to the Kings laſt Edict; as likewiſe the form according to which the Biſhops may refuſe thoſe that have the Kings Grant, if they have not the Age, the Degrees, and Qualities required by the Canons, were read and approved, and were ordered to be Printed with the Act of the Aſſemblies Conſent to the Extenſion of the Regale, the King's Edict thereupon, and their Letter to the Pope, in order to their being ſent to all the Biſhops of *France*. This done, the Archbiſhop propoſed to the Aſſembly three very important Points: Firſt, That they would conſider of the moſt effectual means to bring the Hereticks into the boſome of the Church, to determine Controverſies, *&c.* Secondly, That they would examine the Morality of ſome Modern Caſuiſts, and reform the ſame according to the Rules of the antient Councils and Fathers. Thirdly, That they would examine the Matter of the Subordination of Regulars to the Biſhops. Whereupon three Committees were appointed to conſider of theſe three Heads: of the Firſt, the Archbiſhop of *Paris* is Preſident; of the Second, the Archbiſhop of *Rheims*; and of the Third the Biſhop

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